

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 107

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to the Thomas M. Sanders Memorial Bridge.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 48, McPherson. Thomas M. Sanders Memorial Bridge.

This measure would dedicate the State Highway Route 1 bridge at Burns Creek in the Big Sur area of Monterey County to the memory of Thomas M. Sanders.

This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that dedication and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, In 1991, Thomas M. Sanders, a dedicated Department of Transportation Maintenance Supervisor, was killed in the line of duty, at the age of 58, while repairing a section of guardrail in a coned off area of State Highway Route 1 in the Big Sur area of Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Maintenance Supervisor Sanders was struck and killed by an automobile operated by a driver under the influence of drugs, who was attempting to flee from a California Highway Patrol officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders began his career in public service with the Department of Transportation in 1962, and served as Transportation Maintenance Supervisor since 1978; and

WHEREAS, Maintenance Supervisor Sanders was respected and admired by his coworkers and the citizens of the Big Sur community; and

WHEREAS, The dedication provided by this measure would remind the people of California of the serious dangers that the maintenance crews of the Department of Transportation confront each time they enter the traveled portion of a highway to maintain the highway, assist a disabled motorist, support the California Highway Patrol, or perform other related duties; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate, therefore, that the State Highway Route 1 bridge at Burns Creek in the Big Sur area of Monterey County be dedicated to the memory of Department of Transportation Maintenance Supervisor Thomas M. Sanders, who

made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the people of California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly concurring, That the State Highway 1 bridge at Burns Creek in the Big Sur area of Monterey County is hereby officially dedicated to the memory of Thomas M. Sanders; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that dedication and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

